

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-188-C - ORDER NO. 2005-454
AUGUST 25, 2005

IN RE:	Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission)	ORDER GRANTING
	Services, LLC for Arbitration of Certain)	ADMISSION PRO HAC
	Terms and Conditions of Proposed)	VICE
	Agreement with Horry Telephone)	
	Cooperative, Inc. Concerning Interconnection)	
	and Resale under the Telecommunications)	
	Act of 1996.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Darra W. Cothran, Esquire, on behalf of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (MCI), for Admission of Kennard B. Woods to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Ms. Cothran petitions for Kennard B. Woods to appear before the Commission as counsel for MCI in the hearing for Docket No. 2005-188-C regarding MCI's Petition for Arbitration of certain terms and conditions of proposed agreement with Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. The hearing in this matter is presently scheduled for October 4, 2005.

Mr. Woods is an attorney and corporate counsel for MCI Law and Public Policy with offices at Six Councourse Parkway, Suite 600, Atlanta, Georgia, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, according to the certificate attached to the application. According to the application, Mr. Woods has been retained by MCI to provide legal representation in connection with the present proceeding. Local counsel of

record associated with Mr. Woods is Darra W. Cothran of the firm Woodward, Cothran & Herndon, Post Office Box 12399, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211. Additionally, Mr. Woods has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Woods meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2005-188-C *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Kennard B. Woods, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, and through Motion of local counsel, Kennard B. Woods has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2005-188-C scheduled for October 4, 2005.

3. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.

4. Mr. Woods has associated South Carolina counsel.

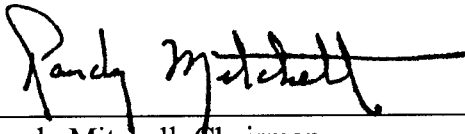
5. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

ORDER

The Motion of Darra W. Cothran, esquire, on behalf of MCI, for *pro hac vice* admission of Kennard B. Woods to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing on Docket No. 2005-188-C to be held October 4, 2005, is granted.

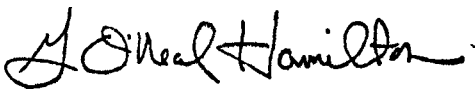
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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